

SPARTANBURG: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1857.

THE MINUTES OF THE TYLER RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, held at the residence of Mr. J. H. Wadley, on the 1st of September, 1857.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.
The Trustees of this institution met at Columbia on the 14th instant. Nothing of importance was done, save from discussion and the election of Rev. Dr. Thorneville to the vacancy in the Board created by the resignation of Dr. Gibbs, until Thursday when all the old Professors were re-elected, but assigned to different chairs than those they formerly occupied. Our correspondents give all the particulars, and Nick Bottom, who has taken an excited interest in this question, rather rejoices in the belief that public opinion has forced the Trustees, contrary to their original intention, to do right. Dr. Gibbs seems to think that the Board has acted judiciously, and with proper regard to justice. No President has been chosen, but that was because Dr. Thorneville and Judge D. L. Wadley, to whom the office was tendered, promptly declined it. In the interval between the late and December meetings of the Board the Faculty are empowered to appoint from their own number a pro tem. chairman—or President. The regular exercises will be resumed on the 1st Monday of October.

ADVERTISEMENTS.
We invite attention to our advertising columns, which are by no means the least interesting portion of a paper, however much their contents are neglected by the superficial reader. But specially we would call attention to that about the Agricultural Fair, which we publish from sheer good will to the farmer, and for no advantage to ourselves. This society aims to stimulate production in all departments of farm, plantation, and industrial development; it seeks to promote manufacturing enterprise and domestic economy, whether in the useful or ornamental, and to scatter the knowledge of practical minds, as well as mere theories, among those who have less time and fewer opportunities of diving into the sciences adapted to practical purposes. Our country friends, therefore, should lend their contributions and aid to give increased energy and usefulness to this organization.

We also beg readers to look at the Bookstore advertisement. Mr. Walker has certainly brought on a fine stock, and fitted out a store suitable to the increasing business of the place. He should be liberally encouraged. We need no longer send to Charleston or Columbia for what we want in his line; for if he should happen not to have on hand any particular book that may be wanted, he can make the order within the same time, almost, that it could be brought from either point. Purchasers would do well to look over his stock, and they will be satisfied of the truth of what we have spoken.

THE SPEAKERSHIP.—We think the allusion to Col. Keitt in the following paragraph (from the Washington correspondent of the Charleston Standard) is simply absurd. Keitt is *enigme*, and glories in being so. He aspires to no leadership; would accept no such position. He is a guerrilla chief—in a good sense—ready to let fall his trenchant weapon whenever a blow is to be struck according with his convictions of duty, however peculiar. "A subject in which South Carolina is, perhaps, more interested than any State in the Union, is the approaching contest for the Speakership of the House. From the Palmetto State come two leaders in the ranks of the Democracy—also that they should represent opposing sentiments! Keitt, in reality, has committed most palpable political suicide, and has left the field to Orr. The anti-administration doctrines of the former have destroyed the confidence with which the democratic party has favored him. A unit party is needed in the House, to defeat the strong opposition which the enemy will raise there, and Keitt is certainly not the man around whom every element of Democracy will immediately centre. Orr, on the contrary, is a genuine conservative, yet true to the best interests of the South. The prevailing sentiment here is, that he will be a successful candidate, and that sentiment is pretty generally well informed."

The Washington Union is authorized to state that the Hon. J. G. Laney Jones will not be a candidate for Speaker in the next House of Representatives. The Union says: "In the present condition of political affairs, he deems it his duty, considering his relations to the President, to keep his place upon the floor."

WAR AND RUMORS OF WAR.—England's difficulties with Persia are not yet adjusted. The latter dissembles about evacuating Herat, notwithstanding the peremptory demand of England. Delhi, in British India, though invested by a besieging army, still holds out. Indeed the force is too contemptible to awaken even the fears of the insurgent Hindoos, and nothing will likely result from the siege until the arrival of the troops sent forward from England.

General Leraudi, the new Captain General of Cuba, who was to have sailed from Madrid this month, would bring with him final instructions as to the Spanish dispute with Mexico.

Sardinia is at loggerheads with Naples, and the affair wears a serious aspect; though Austria is trying to pour oil on the troubled waters, and the latest accounts were more pacific or adjustable aspect.

ABOLITION PAPERS.—Abolition is not only being affected in its private members, but in its organs of communication with the public. This is well. The only reason that that cause enlisted so many papers, was from a conviction of its profitability. Let it appear a losing game, and the Greeleys and Goldmans will desert it as it does a sinking ship. Put man's Magazine has died out, and been buried in something almost unheard of. Greeley makes very few views over a confusion of the loss of thousands of subscribers to the Tribune, and I call hastily for aid, and seeks to increase advertising by reducing his high rates of charge. The Boston Traveller—the essence of three old papers—has craved in, and its editor has gone to farming, which will surely be more productive in peace of mind than his late occupation, and tend more to the development of material interests.

THE ANNUAL EQUINOX.—The coasts of North and South Carolina were visited with severe gales on the 11th and 12th instant, doing much damage to vessels and property on the low shores of the ocean, particularly the rice crops. The steamers in the Charleston and Savannah trade encountered many perils, but fortunately escaped any more serious mishaps than the loss of bulwarks and wheel-houses, with the exception of the Southerner, from whose decks a sailor was lost.

RESOLVING RUN MAD.—The Sabbath school of a church in Syracuse, New York, projected an excursion on the waters of Lake Ontario. The day proved pleasant and propitious, and the grateful school passed resolutions of thanks to God for the special favor. On the return, however, a sudden shower gave the whole party a thorough drenching, and many were wretchedly sea-sick, but the resolutions were unrevoked, and published.

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THE SUB-TREASURY.—It is well remarked by a correspondent of the "Press" that we are having another lesson taught us of the value of the independent treasury. Had the money of the government been thrown into the New York market, so that operators could have got hold of it and invested it in railroad securities, the crash among the brokers of that city would have extended to almost every branch of business, and the panic and suffering that followed the downfall of the Bank of the United States would have been nothing to the catastrophe. It is well occasionally to remind ourselves of the practical workings of this salutary system upon the old-fashioned system of keeping and disbursing of the public revenues.

The old steamer in the New York and Aspinwall trade, named the George Law, having become unsafe and unseaworthy, had her name changed (says the Carolina Times) to deceive passengers, was lost in the recent gales, and out of 500 passengers, were not over 100 were saved. She was on her homeward passage from Aspinwall, and had heavy consignments of treasure on board, which was also lost.

At the late meeting of stockholders in the Ladies' Railroad, Hon. James H. Irby was chosen as a prudent guardian of her treasury, after the sale, by withholding the old stock, when by the great she secures her old debt by a mortgage that will save all she has paid and all for which she is responsible. We say to the people of Western North Carolina, go ahead with your road, and in due time we shall be ready to join you in the connection. Greenville may also have her junction—the more the merrier. The business will regulate the route, and determine which shall be sustained—this or that, or both.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.
A discussion as to the freedom of the press has grown out of a refusal of the Charleston Mercury to publish an article reflecting upon the expressed opinions of that journal. As we do not feel disposed to republish opinions formerly expressed on this subject by ourselves, we cordially assent to and adopt the following views, put forth by the Darlington Family Friend:

"A great fuss has been made in Charleston recently in regard to the liberty of the press. The whole matter can be stated in a few words. The editors of the Mercury refuse to publish one or more articles, and a great cry is at once raised—'the liberty of the press is assailed!' A. B. may write what he pleases, and I, being an editor, must publish it. This is a liberty with a vengeance! We can see how our law-makers might attack the 'Liberty of the Press,' but how an editor, exercising his right to receive or reject articles sent to his paper for publication, can do so, is beyond our comprehension. We claim the right which the Mercury has exercised, and as long as we discharge the duties of an editor, we will exercise it. That's all."

The expenses of the Metropolitan police of New York for the year are set down at \$888,548; for Brooklyn \$210,662.

An extensive rolling mill for the manufacture of railroad iron is about to be erected in Atlanta, Ga. It will cost \$150,000.

The Anderson Gazette notices the suicide of Peter King, of that District, by hanging, on the 18th instant. Aberration of mind is supposed to have been the cause.

Eight hundred mechanics have been thrown out of employment by the closing of three large manufacturing establishments at Buffalo.

Rev. J. P. Boyce, of the Furman University, has declined the Presidency of Mercer University, Georgia, to which he was elected.

THE SITUATION OF THE TIMES.

As the South Carolina College is in its general co-ordinating departments, on the national controversy, or ground of agitation, New York has recently given healthful indications that the popular mind is being operated upon by the salutary streams flowing from the heated fountains of our country.

The several factions of the Democratic party—Hards, Softs, Silver Grays, &c.—met in a common convention, at Syracuse, recently, and after dominating State officers generally regarded good and safe men, adopted resolutions congratulating the people on the soundness and ability of President Buchanan, and the cabinet